

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of three patentably distinct inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-70 and 79-101, drawn to a method of manufacturing an electron beam device, classified in class 445, subclass 24;
- Group II: Claims 71-74, drawn to a method of manufacturing a plate type image forming apparatus, classified in class 445, subclass 3; and
- Group III: Claims 75-78, drawn to a device for manufacturing a plate type image forming apparatus, classified in class 445, subclass 63.

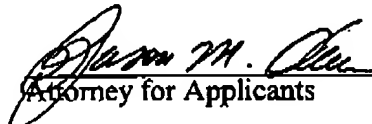
Further, if Group I is elected, the Examiner has required selection of one of the following seven species:

- Species 1: Claims 1-21, 79 and 80 (Fig. 7A);
- Species 2: Claims 22-26 (Fig. 24)
- Species 3: Claims 27-29 and 56-62;
- Species 4: Claims 30-41 (Fig. 46);
- Species 5: Claims 42-55 (Fig. 62); and
- Species 6: Claims 63-70 (Figs. 83A-83B); and
- Species 7: Claims 81-101 (Figs. 90A-90B).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-70 and 79-101), Species 1 (claims 1-21, 79 and 80), without traverse.

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